

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 7, 2009

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, December 7th, 2009 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 23rd meeting as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

Rob Puckett, EMA Assistant, reported that the Comprehensive Emergency Plan for the county is now finished. Puckett will e-mail the large document to the commissioners.

Puckett reported that the Hazard Mitigation plan has been forwarded to Purdue University.

Puckett finished by reporting that the county will receive the GIS grant approval letter from the state by the end of the week.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-six (46) inmates are currently housed in the Rush County jail. Three (3) inmates are sentenced and forty-three (43) inmates are pre-sentenced.

Sherwood reported that the black top on the west side of the jail has been addressed.

Sherwood reported that current county dog warden Larry Coffey is leaving the county at the end of the year. Sherwood asked for guidance as to how to fill the current part-time position in light of previous year's conversation of working with the city. The commissioners advised Sherwood to proceed with the replacement.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims for the period ending December 14th on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Bi-weekly claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Adams reported that a "Letter of Opinion" was received from County Attorney Leigh Morning regarding payment of county employees from within the health department. Adams indicated that the "Letter of Opinion" indicated that the county health department employees shall have all fringe benefits withheld.

Adams reported that \$6.67 million of fall property taxes collected has been certified by county treasurer Mary Ann Beard for distribution by the auditor's office.

Adams finished with informing the commissioners that the state is mandating that the county assessor, auditor and treasurer be certified with their tax assessing, billing, and collecting software practices. A contract with GnA Assessment Professionals will be submitted for the commissioners to review and approve during their December 21 meeting.

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, reported that the \$5,000 budgeted for building tear down is being returned back to the county.

RECESS

Marvin Cole made the motion to recess the meeting at 9:32 am until 10:00 to conduct the bidding of the rental of the county home 170 farm acreage.

COUNTY HOME FARM

Bidding of the 170 farm acres of the county home farm began at 10:00am. Doug Kinder opened the bidding with \$200 per acre. Other bidders were Christie Cain, and A & H Farms. The final and accepted bid was submitted by Doug Kinder in the amount of \$267 per acre. Ken Masters made the motion to accept the \$267 bid. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MISC.

- Approved the Gilliam Janitorial contract on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.
- Approved the petition to construct a new drain in the Cherry Street, State Rd 3, and Harcourt Way area on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.
- Tom Barnes reported that the county will need to wait for the next round in regards to a possible grant application for the Energy Equipment American Recovery Investment Act

Motion to adjourn was received from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.